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BUFFUM TELECON RE PROPOSED OAS AERIAL SURVEILLANCE RESOLUTION.

MISSION BELIEVES SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD BE HELPFUL IF IT CAN BE OBTAINED. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL NOT BE PUT FORWARD UNLESS WE ARE REASONABLY CERTAIN OF ITS ADOPTION BY UNANIMITY. TO TRY AND FAIL, SHOULD THIS GET OUT, WOULD MAKE OUR POSITION MORE DIFFICULT. AS IT IS, WE CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT OAS ENDORSEMENT OF SURVEILLANCE WHICH LA'S HERE SEEM TO RECOGNIZE AS VITAL AND THUS TACITLY ENDORSE. WE NOT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, BASED ON ATTITUDES HERE, THAT LA'S WOULD PUBLICLY ENDORSE SURVEILLANCE BY OAS RESOLUTION.

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